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Lebanon: Prime Minister Karame's refusal to make way for a caretaker cabinet places President Shihab in the dangerous position of either trying to force Karame out or risking loss of control by permitting him to remain. Karame's action is an indication of the mood of the Moslem rebels, who had expected that they would be practically undisputed in domination of Lebanese politics and who still apparently see no reason to give up the fruits of their "victory." Both sides apparently are making preparations for further violence.

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Cyprus: London, Ankara, and Athens appear to be nearing agreement on the necessity of holding a conference, but details concerning its scope and participants have yet to be worked out. Meanwhile the North Atlantic Council is scheduled to resume discussion of the issue on 13 October. In Athens sharp exception has been taken to recent statements by British and Turkish officials, and the opening of Parliament may be adjourned for 30 days to preclude debate on the issue. On Cyprus, where attacks on British security forces continue unabated, a large-scale operation against EOKA has been launched.

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Cyprus Situation

Britain, Greece, and Turkey appear to be nearing agreement on the necessity of holding a conference on the Cyprus issue, but details concerning its scope and participants have yet to be worked out. The North Atlantic Council will resume discussion of the issue on 13 October.

Greek Foreign Minister Averoff has said that a conference will be useless in the light of British Colonial Secretary Lennox-Boyd's recent strong endorsement of Turkish strategic interests in Cyprus and statements attributed to Turkish Foreign Minister Zorlu, but Prime Minister Karamanlis is likely to remain more conciliatory.

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The Turks have informed all their NATO allies except Greece that they are willing to attend a conference of the three interested governments, and will attend a wider conference later, provided the Greeks meet certain conditions. London has little hope of substantial progress toward a solution but believes a conference might help cool tempers.

On Cyprus, violence continues and the emphasis on unity in EOKA leaflets suggests that EOKA may plan to abandon its attacks on leftist Greek Cypriots and concentrate on the British. The British security forces have begun extensive operations on the east coast where terrorist activity has been difficult to control.

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